

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for treating a patient suffering from an autoimmune disorder said method comprising administering an effective amount of an antibody composition, wherein said antibody composition comprises anti-idiotypic antibodies, or antigen binding fragments thereof, which can bind to and inhibit self reactive pathogenic autoantibodies present in the patient, and wherein said antibody composition is immunoreactive with idiotypes F4, 3I, 8.12, and 16/6 anti-DNA antibody determinants,

wherein said autoimmune disorder is symptomized by the destruction of patients' cells by autoantibodies, and

wherein said anti-idiotypic antibodies are immunoreactive with idiotypic determinants present or antibodies associated with systemic lupus erythematosus.

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6. The method, according to claim 1, wherein said antibody composition is administered intravenously.

7. The method, according to claim 6, wherein said antibody composition is administered as a dextrose saline solution.

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